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FOLLOWING TELEGRAM FROM OECD PARIS DATED APRIL 26, 1977
SENT SECSTATE WASHDC IS REPEATED TO YOU: QUOTE

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TAGS: OECD, CIEC
SUBJECT: CIEC: EC PROPOSAL FOR INDICATIVE TARGET FOR
OFFICIAL FLOWS TO AGRICULTURE AND FOOD
PRODUCTION

1. IN A BILATERAL CONSULTATION APRIL 26, THE EC
PARTICIPANT IN THE CONTACT GROUP ON FOOD AND AGRI-
CULTURE PROPOSED ADOPTION OF AN INDICATIVE TARGET FOR
OFFICIAL FLOWS TO AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PRODUCTION.
UNDER THE EC PROPOSAL, A SINGLE INDICATIVE TARGET
WOULD BE SUBSTITUTED FOR TARGETS PROPOSED BY THE G-19
FOR OFFICIAL FLOWS TO AGRICULTURE AND TO AGRICULTURAL
INPUTS SUCH AS FERTILIZER, SEEDS AND PESTICIDES. A
TARGET FIGURE WOULD BE FIXED AFTER FURTHER G-8
CONSULTATION.

2. THE US DELEGATION PROVIDED PRELIMINARY REACTION
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THAT THE EC PROPOSAL COULD POSSIBLY CREATE A LEVER
BY WHICH THE G-19 COULD PRESSURE THE G-8 ON AN OVERALL
ODA TARGET, BUT AGREED TO SEEK FURTHER GUIDANCE
ON THE PROPOSAL.

3. THE EC POSITION, APPROVED BY EC MINISTERS, IS
BEGIN QUOTE: CONCERNING THE DEMAND OF THE DEVELOPING

COUNTRIES FOR A 50 PER CENT INCREASE IN REAL TERMS IN
AID TO AGRICULTURAL AND FOOD PRODUCTION BY A FIXED DATE,
THE COMMUNITY SHOULD PUT FORWARD THE IDEA OF AN
INDICATIVE TARGET IN CURRENT PRICES FOR OFFICIAL FLOWS
TO AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PRODUCTION FROM ALL
NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SOURCES, WHICH WOULD CONTAIN
NO OBLIGATIONS FOR INDIVIDUAL DONORS AND WOULD BE
ENTIRELY CONDITIONAL UPON THE EFFORTS OF THE DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES AND THE PRESENTATION BY THEM OF SOUND AID
PROJECTS. END QUOTE.

4. DELEGATION REQUESTS GUIDANCE BY OPENING OF BUSINESS
APRIL 28 ON THE POSITION TO ADOPT IN REGARD TO THE
G-8 PROPOSAL.
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